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City of Atlanta Councilmember Michael Julian Bond to host reception and present a proclamation to honor One Billion Rising



ATLANTA – City of Atlanta Councilmember Michael Julian Bond will honor One Billion Rising with a proclamation and reception during the 1:00pm meeting of the Atlanta City Council on Monday, October 3rd at Atlanta City Hall. The Reception will begin at 12:00 p.m.

One Billion Rising is the largest mass action to end violence against women in human history. A global movement, founded by playwright and author, Eve Ensler, committing to end rape and sexual violence against women. The international campaign began February 14, 2012, as a call to action based on the UN statistic that one out of three women on the planet will

be beaten or raped in her lifetime. With the world population at over six billion, this adds up to more than a billion women and girls.

One Billion Rising Atlanta's intent is to end the sexual and gender based violence and inequities that disproportionately affect women and girls. They focus on building, supporting, and amplifying the work of Atlanta based collaborative relationships that produce local to global actions that make a positive difference.

On February 14, 2013, close to one billion women and men shook the earth through dance to end violence against women and girls. In Atlanta, under the leadership of Nikki Noto, assisted by Allison Gars, they met at the state capitol where policy decisions are made that affect women who have been victims of domestic violence, campus rape, or human trafficking.

They then marched to Woodruff Park where over 7000 females and males of all ages, danced together in Woodruff Park to protest the violence and make the public aware of a problem that's needed to change.

The city of Atlanta turned the fountains pink to show their support of ending violence against women. The group supported the One Woman Rising statue which was placed in Freedom Park to inspire survivors to rise and thrive.

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